

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2-8 and 10-20.

In order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled, and Claims 5-7 and 13-15 have been amended herein to remove dependency from the canceled claims. Claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended to improve clarity and expression. The cancellation of Claims 1 and 9 is without acquiescence to the rejections under U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

In response to the objections to the specification and the drawings, Applicants respectfully point out that the current supply control transistor is exemplified by elements CM0-CM3 of Figure 7 (see, e.g., specification, page 24, lines 14-15). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections are unwarranted and should be withdrawn.

The abstract has been amended to comply with proper language and format requirements.

Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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